

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
May 11, 2005**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:37 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Board Members

Harold L. Strickland, Chairman
Joanne E. Malone, Vice Chairman
Frank S. Vajda, Secretary-Treasurer
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
William G. Bouie
Kevin J. Fay*
Kenneth G. Feng
Harry Glasgow
Georgette Kohler
George E. Lovelace
Gilbert S. McCutcheon
Winifred S. Shapiro

*Board Member Absent

Staff

Michael A. Kane, Director
Timothy K. White, Deputy Director
Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

Charlie Bittenbring
Bob Brennan
Brian Daly
Miriam Morrison
Lynn Tadlock

Leslie Amiri
Curt Dierdorff
Nick Duray
John Finegan
Kirk Holley
Kay Rutledge
Ted Zavora

AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Strickland requested that a STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP be added to the Agenda. Mr. Strickland asked if there were any other changes to the Agenda. Mr. Strickland announced that he would proceed with the Agenda as publicized with the addition of the workshop. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM**ADMIN-1 Approval – Request for Land Dedication for RZ/FDP 2005-DR-006 Adjacent to Wolftrap Creek Stream Valley Park**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on May 4, 2005, and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the following summary comments regarding RZ/FDP 2005-DR-006, Moutoux Assemblage:

- The Park Authority requests that the applicant dedicate a portion of the site (approximately 16 acres) to the Park Authority. This area of the site would not affect any lots or lot sizes on the property but would provide a valuable link between two portions of stream valley parkland west of the property.
- The developer should include low impact development features to mitigate the impact of the untreated flow on Wolftrap Creek.

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Fay being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

ACTION ITEMS**A-1 Approval – Amendment to the By-Laws Governing the Fairfax County Park Authority of Fairfax County, Virginia**

This item was reviewed by the Administration and Management Committee on April 13, 2005 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Bouie **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the revisions to the By-Laws as listed below and incorporate any revisions to the By-Laws resulting from the Board's decision on May 11, 2005, together with otherwise unaffected language from the March 24, 1992, change into the document entitled BY-LAWS GOVERNING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA AS REVISED AND ADOPTED MAY 11, 2005.

Revisions to the By-Laws

Article III – Committees

Section II – Standing Committees

Standing Committees shall be composed of not more than seven members of whom at least ~~three~~ *four* shall be members of the Authority.

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Article IV – Meetings

Section I – Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Authority shall be held in Fairfax County ~~on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and at such other times as may be necessary to conduct effectively the business of the Authority~~ *a minimum of twenty times per year* at a place and time to be determined by the Authority.

Article IV – Meetings

Section III – Quorums

~~A majority of the appointed members present shall constitute a quorum at meetings of Standing and Special Committees.~~ *Discussions may proceed at Standing and Special Committees when three or more Authority members are present. A majority of the appointed members present shall constitute a quorum at meetings of Standing and Special Committees for business requiring a vote.*

Also, with regard to Article IV – Meetings, Section III – Quorums, a prior change was approved and documented by addendum. On March 24, 1992, the Park Authority Board voted to amend the Bylaws, Article IV, Section III-Quorums, to reflect the expansion of the Park Authority Board from ten to twelve members. The By-Laws were amended to read as follows:

Section III - Quorums

Seven members of the Authority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings. A majority of the appointed members present shall constitute a quorum at meetings of Standing and Special Committees.

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Fay being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

A-2 Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program Request - Greenbriar Civic Association - Rocky Run Stream Valley

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on May 4, 2005 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Feng **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve a Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program request from the Greenbriar Civic Association in the amount of \$826.84 for the installation of three physical fitness stations along the trail system

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in the Rocky Run Stream Valley; **SECONDED** by Mr. Vajda, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Fay being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

**A-3 Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program Request -
West Springfield Little League -Byron Avenue Park**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on May 4, 2005 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Batten **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve a Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program request from the West Springfield Little League in the amount of \$10,000 for the upgrade of perimeter fence and backstops on five diamond fields at Byron Avenue Park; **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Fay being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

**A-4 Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program Request -
Sully Station II Community Association - Cub Run Stream Valley**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on May 4, 2005 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Ms. Malone **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve a Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program request from the Sully Station II Community Association in the amount of \$10,000 for the replacement of a playground in the Cub Run Stream Valley; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Fay being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

A-5 Park Naming – "Joseph F. Barnes Battery Park"

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on May 4, 2005 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the naming of the parkland at Tax Map #72-1 ((6)) 0036 as "Joseph F. Barnes Battery Park"; **SECONDED** by Mr. Lovelace, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Fay being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

A-6 Renaming Green Spring Gardens Park to Green Spring Gardens

This item was reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on April 27, 2005, and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the renaming of Green Spring Gardens Park to Green Spring Gardens in accordance with Policy 106 Naming of Parks;

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SECONDED by Mr. McCutcheon, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Fay being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

INFORMATION ITEM**I-1 Park Authority Stewardship Update**

This item was reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on April 27, 2005, and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed the item regarding Park Authority Stewardship Update. No action was necessary. There was no discussion on this item.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- **Letter to School Board Chairman RE: May 4, 2005 Meeting with School Board Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner , Park Authority Board Strickland, and Park Authority Board School Board Liaison Fay**

Mr. Strickland distributed a copy of his letter to School Board Chairman, Phil Niedzielski-Eichner RE: Surplus FCPS Property, Athletic Field Use and Maintenance, Environmental and cultural Education, Camps / RecPAC / Bright Futures, dated May 11, 2005, and thanked Board Members for their assistance in its preparation.

Mr. Strickland reported that the Park Authority Board is proposing that the collective boards consider the possibility of establishing a joint school/park committee to review and resolve these and other issues that may arise. One possible outcome may be the development and execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Fairfax County School Board and the Fairfax County Park Authority Board.

- **Letter to County Executive RE: Lake Accotink Dredging Project – Status and Funding Request**

Mr. Strickland distributed a copy of his letter to the County Executive RE: the Lake Accotink Dredging Project dated May 11, 2005. The Department of Public Works had briefed the Park Authority Board on the project and based on this information, the Park Authority Board would like to secure additional funding so the negotiated contract can be awarded and the project can be complete. Given that Lake Accotink watershed provides substantial water quantity and quality control benefits downstream of the lake, it is the Park Authority's opinion that it would be appropriate to consider utilizing funds from the recently approved Stormwater Management Program to fund the short fall for this project.

Mrs. Shapiro reported that Supervisor Bulova indicated her support. Mr. Kane reported that the Director of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services indicated he would support this idea to the County Executive. Mr. Batten reported that Supervisor Kauffman also supports this action.

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- **Letter to the Editor of The Washington Post RE: Response to Guest Column on May 5, 2005 -- Proposed Manassas National Battlefield Bypass dated May 11, 2005**
- **Letter to Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) RE: Tri-County Parkway Linking or Co-locating with the Proposed Manassas National Battlefield Bypass dated May 11, 2005**

Mr. Strickland stated that the Washington Post's guest column supported VDOT's recommendation which will connect communities in Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties while possibly linking or co-locating with the proposed Manassas National Battlefield Bypass. The Park Authority's position makes it clear that while it understands the need for transportation improvements, it is important to consider the damage that may be done to wetlands, wildlife and cultural resources.

Mr. Strickland reported that the letter to VDOT is more detailed and indicates that the Park Authority would like to work with VDOT's planners and representatives from other agencies in the County to minimize and mitigate environmental and cultural damage whenever possible.

After board discussion, it was the CONSENSUS of the Park Authority Board Members present to discuss their concerns first with the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Strickland noted that Ms. Tadlock is working with the Federal Highway Administration, VDOT, and the County Department of Transportation to establish the Park Authority's position.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- **Adapted Aquatics Volunteer Featured in Volunteer Fairfax 30th Anniversary Publication**

Mr. Kane reported that Bob Fuss, a Park Authority Adapted Aquatics volunteer, was featured in the Volunteer Fairfax 30th anniversary publication, "30 Years of Strengthening the Community Through Volunteerism".

Under volunteer service awards, Mr. Fuss, a longtime park aquatics volunteers was featured. Mr. Fuss, a well-known national radio news reporter and a member of the disabled community, was the recipient of the 2004 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Award which recognized his affinity for work with physically challenged children. Bob's success is best described by his philosophy, "Children with disabilities are kids first. They have disabilities second." On behalf of the Park Authority Board, Mr. Kane congratulated Mr. Fuss.

Ms. Malone noted that Mr. Fuss is a member of her community and attends Providence RECenter. Ms. Malone stated that she is very happy to see Mr. Fuss recognized.

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- **Laurel Hill Project Discussed on Newschannel 8**

Mr. Kane reported that the Laurel Hill Golf Club's course architect, Bill Love, appeared on the Newschannel 8 program Toyota Capital Golf Weekly show that aired the weekend of May 7-8, 2005. Mr. Love discussed the Laurel Hill project and other golf issues affecting golf course design today. Mr. Love characterized the Laurel Hill Golf Club layout as "strong" and was very complimentary of the Park Authority and the planning that went into the project. Later in the interview, Mr. Love cited Laurel Hill Hole #6 which is a 500 yard par 4 as an example of the course design adapting to today's golf equipment technology and longer hitters.

Mr. Kane projected the opening for Laurel Hill Golf Club will hopefully be around Labor Day 2005.

- **Burke Loop Trail Recognized on Top Ten List of Fitness Trails**

Mr. Kane reported that Aspen Edge™, Coors' low-carb light lager, and the American Hiking Society, the only national organization dedicated to establishing, protecting, and maintaining America's foot trails, have named Burke Lake Loop Trail one the top 10 fitness trails in the United States. The announcement came May 1, 2005.

Charlie Bittenbring, Park Services Division Director, was quoted in the national press release which went out last week. "Today's recognition of the Burke Lake Loop Trail as one of the country's top ten fitness trails is gratifying. The Fairfax County Park Authority understands how the residents of Northern Virginia value trails and consider these amenities to be a key component of the high quality of life, as well as a great place to stay fit while enjoying life outdoors. We appreciate the recognition."

The following top fitness trails throughout the country were also recognized:

Albany, N.Y.: Red Trail, John Boyd Thacher State Park
Austin, TX: Barton Creek Greenbelt
Boston: Rock Circuit Trail, Middlesex Fells Conservation Area
Denver: Sand Creek Greenway
Indianapolis, Ind.: Indiana Central Canal Towpath
New York: Long Path
Phoenix: Black Rock Loop, White Tank Mountain Regional Park
San Diego: Guy Fleming Trail, Torrey Pines State Reserve
San Francisco: California Coastal Trail segment within the Presidio

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- **Cub Run RECenter Sneak Peek**

Mr. Kane announced there will be Sneak Peak Tours for Board Members and staff only on Wednesday, May 18 and Thursday, May 19, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cub Run staff will be available for guided tours every hour on the hour.

Board Members, staff and their families will have another opportunity on Sneak Peak Night on Friday, May 20, from 5 - 9 p.m. Board Members were invited to bring their family and try out the facility. This will serve as a staff "shake-down" to assure that all systems are a "go" for the Grand Opening on Sunday, May 22, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Kane invited Board Members to attend Cub Run RECenter's Grand Opening on Sunday, May 22, 2005 with the ceremonies and ribbon-cutting beginning at 1 p.m. The center will be open for regular use with some special activities following the ribbon-cutting.

- **National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Board of Trustees Reception**

Mr. Kane reminded the Board that the Park Authority is hosting a reception for the Board of Trustees of the NRPA at Colvin Run Mill on Thursday, May 19, 2005, from 5 to 7 p.m.

- **Planning Commission - Parks and Recreation Policy Plan**

Mr. Kane reported that on Thursday, May 12, 2005, the Planning Commission will be taking up, as decision only, the Comprehensive Plan Amendments that the Park Authority proposed. Frank de la Fe forwarded comments received from the Providence District Council requesting that action on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment be deferred. The response stated that there was no need to defer the amendment and that many of the comments presented by the Providence District Council had been incorporated into the revised Policy Plan and the issue of passive versus active recreation is not an issue that will ever be addressed in this format. Phase II of this process will deal with the determination of local parks.

Mr. Kane thanked the Planning Commission, the Park Authority Board, staff, and everyone that has been involved in this process.

- **Accotink Trail Section**

Mr. Kane reported that he and staff met with Ho Chang, Director of Transportation, earlier in the day, regarding the issue with the grant funding for the Accotink trail section. Mr. Chang was not aware of the details of the situation and how the money had fallen out of the cycle.

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Mr. Kane stated that Mr. Chang assured us today that they are going to make the necessary changes to next year's cycle to include funding for the next section of the Cross County Trail that will equal the amount of money that the Park Authority took from the bond funds to award the contract. The Park Authority will follow up with the Transportation to make sure everything stays on track.

- **Park Authority Needs Assessment Wins Award**

Mr. Kane reported that the American Planning Association, Virginia Chapter, recognized the Park Authority's Needs Assessment Report with the best comprehensive plan for the state of Virginia. Kirk Holley, Sandy Stallman, and Lynn Tadlock accepted the award. It is monumental for a park system to receive such an award. One of the members of the judging panel stated that it was very easy to read, easy to understand, and one of the better things they had seen.

- **Incident at Mark Twain Park**

Mr. White reported that the playground at Mark Twain Park has been completely lost to a fire due to vandalism. Mr. White estimated the damage is somewhere near \$25,000-\$30,000. The timbers at the playground were not damaged, but the equipment is totally destroyed. The damage had gone unnoticed until staff came across the totally damaged playground. No one reported the fire when it was active.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE RECORD

**NOTE: No committee minutes were entered FOR THE RECORD at this meeting.
Committee minutes are entered FOR THE RECORD during the second Park Authority
Board meeting each month.**

BOARD MATTERS

- **Joanne E. Malone**

Ms. Malone congratulated staff on the Needs Assessment Award.

Ms. Malone also thanked Lynn Tadlock, Sandy Stallman, Kirk Holley, Ed Batten and Harry Glasgow for meeting with the Providence District people on the Park Policy Plan Amendments.

- **Frank S. Vajda**

Mr. Vajda invited Board Members to the re-opening and concert kick off on June 5, 2005 at 6:00 pm for the new Mason District Park Amphitheater.

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Mr. Vajda asked if anyone knew what was going to be on the agenda for the Planning Commission – Parks and Recreation Policy Plan meeting that will be held on May 12, 2005. Lynn Tadlock replied that the order of the agenda items is not set until just before the meeting begins.

- **Gilbert S. McCutcheon**

Mr. McCutcheon returned Ken Feng's hat. It had been in Mr. McCutcheon's car for some time.

- **Winifred S. Shapiro**

Mrs. Shapiro asked if there is any impact to parkland from the proposed beltway "HOT" lanes. Lynn Tadlock stated that the Park Authority is unaware of the exact alignment at this time. Mr. Kane noted that it was indicated that this was to be done within existing right-of-ways. There is a fair amount of right-of-way that comes into Wakefield Park. The Accotink Stream Valley will also be affected.

- **Kenneth G. Feng**

Mr. Feng noted that Supervisor McConnell conceded to name the new park that is being developed at Popes Head Assemblage – Patriot Park. Mr. Feng requested staff to prepare an action item for the board's consideration at its meeting on May 25, 2005. This park will honor some of the public servants that died in the line of services to the County, which includes fire and police and other uniformed services. This is an opportunity for the Park Authority to request participation from the Department of Defense and possibly some additional funding and/or support for this park.

- **Kevin J. Fay**

Mr. Fay was absent.

- **Edward R. Batten, Sr.**

Mr. Batten reported that Supervisor Kauffman is working to secure a parcel of land as a proffer from a major development that is going up on Mount Vernon Highway.

- **Georgette Kohler**

Ms. Kohler had no BOARD MATTERS at this time.

- **George E. Lovelace**

Mr. Lovelace thanked the board for the guidance he received relative to the Athletic Council and the artificial turf fields.

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- **Harrison A. Glasgow**

Mr. Glasgow had no BOARD MATTERS at this time.

- **William G. Bouie**

Mr. Bouie reminded the board that "Skate Parks on Wheels" is going to take place on Saturday, May 14, 1-7:30 p.m. at the Wiehle Avenue Park & Ride Lot at the Dulles Toll Road and invited everyone to join in. He noted that Bob Brennan and Charlie Bittenbring were instrumental in putting this event together with a cast of thousands. A goal for contributions was set for the event and the committee received about \$2,500 more.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:28 p.m. Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board convene in closed session for

- a. Discussion of the acquisition or disposition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of this public body in **all Magisterial Districts** pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2 – 3711(A)(3)

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon and **APPROVED** with Mr. Fay being absent.

Land Acquisition Matters was discussed.

At 8:31 p.m. Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board return to the Open Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow and **APPROVED** with Mr. Fay being absent.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board certify that, to the best of our knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code 2.2-3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; **SECONDED** by Mr. Lovelace and **APPROVED** with Mr. Fay being absent.

ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

NOTE: For consistency in reporting and future research, the Administrative Assistant keeps all items in numerical order as discussed during Closed Session.

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- C-1 (A&B) Update on Land Acquisition in the Providence District (two properties--A&B)**
Mr. Batten **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the offer range and sign the Resolution for the acquisition of two properties in the Providence District as discussed during Closed Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Lovelace and **APPROVED** with Mr. Fay being absent.
NOTE: Both Land Acquisition Resolutions are attached.
- C-2 Update on Land Acquisition in the Springfield District**
Mr. Feng **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept staff's recommendation regarding the update on the Quarterly Land Acquisition Status Report 2005 – First Quarter (Planning and Development Division dated May 2005) for the Springfield District as discussed in Closed Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Vajda and **APPROVED** with Mr. Fay being absent.
- C-3 Update on Land Acquisition in the Dranesville District**
Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept staff's recommendation regarding the update on the Quarterly Land Acquisition Status Report 2005 – First Quarter (Planning and Development Division dated May 2005) for the Dranesville District as discussed in Closed Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow and **APPROVED** with Mr. Fay being absent.

STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP

Board Members discussed the Strategic Issue: Entrepreneurial Approach.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 p.m. Mr. Strickland ADJOURNED Park Authority Board meeting. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board**

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on May 25, 2005

Frank S. Vajda
Secretary-Treasurer

Michael A. Kane, Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

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